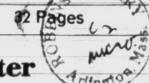
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Within 48 hours after the School Committee unanimously endorsed Supt. of Schools William Gibbs' candidate for the position of Arlington High School Headmaster, that candidate informed the administration of his decision to withdraw unless his salary request could be

James E. Findley, the vice principal of an Omaha, Neb. high school, told Gibbs last Thursday that the problems are financial. In coming from an area where property values are 30-40 percent lower than here, he does not have enough equity to get into the housing market. Findley and his wife reached this conclusion after spending a day and a half with local real estate agents looking for a

was not frightened by the job Gibbs, who termed Findley's decision "another major disappointment," told the committee Tuesday that since Fin-

dley's decision the "number one" candidate, who dropped out before the screening process, had been contacted and reconsidered. Gibbs said he was very enthusiastic about this candidate's reconsideration and that the candidate "is by no means a second choice." Administration officials

were scheduled to meet with this candidate yesterday afternoon; the Headmaster Screening Committee was to interview the candidate last night. Gibbs hopes that at the June 5 School Committee meeting he will be able to

bring before the committee a second candidate to interview. Two options are then left to the committee: to meet Findley's salary request or to act on the recommendation of a second candidate.

We have to get this off the ground or off the table quickly," summed up Selectman Robert Havern in a discussion of the restaurant project proposed for Water street

Selectmen met last week with the developers of the old MBTA power station to find out where they are in their

Paul Hedstrum, attorney for First

loans, however. Hedstrum said his client went to

He explained that with the tight

Selectman William Grannan, who

Hedstrum said it was not presented by

Delays in getting financing were also explained. Hedstr8m said that he had u a proposal on the project to Arlington Five thin 48 hours of hearing that the bank would be interested in financing the project. He says he was told that the

around for a lower rate, so they dealt exclusively with Arlington Five for eight weeks until the bank decided it could not lend the funds

When Selectman Robert Murray asked what the developer would do if MIFA does not give funding, Hedstrum said they would have to pursue alternative financing, and were doing this

Grannan pursued questions about Arlington Five's involvement with the project until Selectman Robert Walsh interjected that he objected to the questions the bank being asked of Hedstrum. He suggested that Grannan, a corporator of Arlington Five, go to the bank for answers about its concerns with the project.

Grannan said his questions related to statement Hedstrum made that the Arlington Five could be a potential purchaser of the MIFA bonds. According to information given Hedstrum, bonds are a legal investment for a Massachusetts savings bank.

When Murray expressed concerns that financing was taking so long to arrange, and that his board had an obligation obligation to find out if the project would be a reality or reopen the property to other developers. Hedstrum said that arranging financing was taking no longer than arranging the lease did.

Eight hundred thousand dollars investment in a building not owned by the developer was not a small project to get

When Grannan asked what the developer's position was on liquor, Hedstrum said they would apply for a liquor license and hope to receive a liquor license. A license would be necessary for the project.

# Wednesday Night



# Findley To Withdraw Unless SC Meets Salary

Findley also told Gibbs that the welcome and hospitality he received in Arlington he had never received before. He and his wife loved the area, and he

# Restaurant

# Water Street Developer To Report Back In June

plans for putting in a restaurant.

Arlington Corp., which has been designated developer for the property, said he will report back to the board the week after June 7. On that June date his client will be on the agenda of the Mass. Industrial Finance Agency (MIFA) seeking a low interest loan.

Arlington Selectmen recently created CARD district (Commercial Area Revitalization District) which allows owners within the district to be eligible for state funds if the Dept. of Community Affairs approves of the district. The MIFA floats tax exempt bonds. Applicants for loans from MIFA are not necessarily assured that they will get the

MIFA after Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank determined that it could not loan the money on a leasehold property. The town is the owner of the power station.

money market it is not an easy time to finance anything. The design is in tact and the costs are firm. There is no potential for amendment of the design unless there is a significant cost increase rolling, he noted. in materials, Hegstrom said

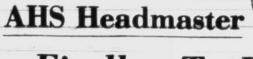
asked if the CARD district was designed to primarily aid this developer when it was before Selectmen last month, asked who brought MIFA up with the developer and when it was brought up.

the town. He said it came up 8 to 10 weeks ago. He met with MIFA and determined that his client would not be eligible for funds unless the property was in a CARD

bank did not expect the developer to shop

# Glaucoma Test Is

The Glaucoma Screening which the Zonta Club will hold Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:30 has been moved to the Central School on Maple street. The Town Hall was not available since the Town Meeting is still in session. Residents over age 35 are invited to the



Springy.

Wreathed in blossoms are Kenny O'Donnell, Ricky Jay Reed and David Reed. They were down on Marathon street (Staff Photo By Dan Walsh) Saturday where Church of Our Saviour was holding a plant sale.

# About Arlington People

Rockport Lodge, a non-profit organization, will reopn for the 72nd season on June 30. Prima Quaglia of Mystic street is social director of the lodge which offers low-cost vacations to women over age 18. Three home-cooked meals a day, sports, outings and evening entertainment are offered. Isformation is available from Miss Quaglia or from Lois Eddy, 88 Tremont st., Boston, 02108.

A color photograph by Jerry Howard is on display with art donations to the Channel 2 Auction. The auction art and antiques preview is being held at the Prudential Center Tower Lobby through May 31 from 12 to 6 p.m. The auction will

The Arlington Lions Club recently honored John Frangione, the Boy Scout who organized last year's Sundial Tennis Tournament which raised \$700 for eye research and the Retina Foundation. He was given a certificate of appreciation and a plaque.

... Margaret O'Neill of 27 Davis ave received the Hutchinson Award given to the outstanding senior majoring in marketing at Suffolk University.

Tennis players Marie Lynch and Nancy Flynn placed second in the Women's Doubles Tournament held for the benefit of the American Cancer

Two employees of the Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank graduated from the School of Savings Banking. The school consists of two one-week resident sessions and five written projects during

Taking the course were Kendall F. Stewart, assistant treasurer of the bank and investment analyst, and Brenda J. Wooldridge, secretary in the mortgage department. The 119-year-old bank has assests in excess of \$195 million.

This week in

# metroguide

Feature-Stock Car Racing What with the running of the Indianapolis 500 on Memorial Day weekend, auto racing is coming out of hibernation. And, for MetroBoston's stock car racing fans in particular, that means it's time to head for the tracks.

## Outdoors-Garden in the Woods

Framingham's Garden in the Woods is 45 acres of naturalistic gardens and woods, containing about 2500 varieties of native plants. It's a quiet retreat for both botanists and casual strollers.

# 18th Town Meeting

# \$4.9M Safety Budget Passes

A net \$4,947,157 Community Safety Dept. budget was approved at the 18th session of Town Meeting

The amended budget included several changes and policy decisions which were made by Selectmen. Four civilian Rescue personnel were replaced with uniformed firefighters; parking meters were eliminated and a computerized parking control machine will be bought for Russell Common municipal parking

A new mini pumper will be located at Fire Headquarters; \$4000 is being budgeted to pay for private ambulance backup service; the town will start collecting insurance payments for Rescue service from residents who carry such insurance; and three school crossing guards are back in the budget,

as voted at an earlier Town Meeting Discussion of the budget began with Allan Tosti, chairman of the budget subcommittee for the Finance Com-

mittee, reviewing changes in figures. Adding three traffic supervisory positions which had been deleted meant \$8,130 more in the budget. Cutting the

Rain Or Shine

The Memorial Day Parade will be

held rain or shine on Monday at 9:15 a.m.

with formation beginning at 8:30 a.m. on

Mass. avenue at Adams and Andrew

of Veterans' Services for the Town of

Arlington will be the Honorary Grand

Marshal; Charles A. Duffy, decorated

combat veteran of World War II, will be

the Chief Marshal and Capt. John J.

MacGillivrary, USMC, retired, will be

ceremonies will be a fire and police

detail; aides to the Chief of Staff, in-

cluding a delegate from each veterans'

post and an honorary staff of town of-

Gold Star Mothers and Fathers;

representatives of the Arlington Barracks 2701 Veterans of World War I

and Auxiliary; Lt. Stanely Benner

Detachment, Marine Corps League and

the American Legion Post 39 and

Donald F. MacGillivary VFW Post 1775

and Auxiliary and the Stuart Highlands.;

Disabled American Veterans and the St.

Agnes Junior Band and Arlington Lodge

The line of march will be from Mass.

avenue to the Civil War Monument and

the Veterans' Memorial at the junction of,

Broadway and Mass. avenue where

ceremonies will be conducted. There will

be a flag ceremony-volley and raising of

colors; placing of a wreath by the Gold

Star Mothers; a selection by the St.

participating will be the

Also appearing in the parade will be

Among others particiting in the

the Chief of Staff.

ficials and clergy.

Auxiliary.

of Elks 1435.

Charles R. Armour, retired Director

**Memorial Day Parade** 

To Start Monday At 9:15

fulltime planner to half-year graduate student interns saves \$3,880 in salary plus benefits.

In the Fire Division portion of the budget, putting four firefighters on the Rescue instead of civilians which had been proposed as a budget cut adds \$57,600 in salaries plus \$2696 in holiday

Expenses for the Fire Division went up \$14,100. Tosti explained that \$2600 of this was for contractual items with the uniformed Rescue personnel. \$4000 is fo paying a private ambulance to be the backup for the Fire Rescue. \$7500 is the Cost for billing insurance companies for

Rescue calls. The parking meter budget of \$15,377 was deleted. Under the support services budget, which includes communications. civil defense and parking, \$3280 from the parking meter fund was transferred in to

pay for painting street lines The capital outlay budget showed a cut of \$5600 with deletion of the parking meter van and an increase of \$10,000 for purchase of a computer parking control

Against this total budget of \$4,977,157

Agnes Junior Band; a prayer by Sal

Fasanelli, Chaplain and Past Com-

along Medford street, into the Mt.

placing of a wreath, a hymn by the St.

continue to the World War I, World War

There will be the placing of a wreath,

an address by Robert Havern, Chairman

of the Board of Selectmen; a hymn by the

Stanley Hold, Chaplain VFW Post 1775; a

firing party, taps and raising of the flag

and the playing of the National Anthem

Clarence H. Marsh, Veterans of World

War I, Barracks, 2701; Walter F.

Toomey, American Legion Post 39;

Robert Tate, Donald F. MacGillivrary

VFW Post 11 1775 and Thomas Fjeld,

parade will reform and proceed to

Medford street where it will pass in

review before town officials and the

Chief Marshal and Staff at the junction of

Chestnut and Medford streets. The line of

march will continue on Chestnut street to

Mystic street where the parade will

At the completion of the services the

Commanders of the groups are

by the Menotomy Minutemen.

vices conducted

DAV Chapter 49.

parking meter funds of \$30,000 were applied to make a net Community Safety impact of \$4,947,157. New totals for that budget are \$4,325,267 for personal services; \$547,995 for expenses; \$103,895 for capital outlay

Tosti explained that the parking meter fund has \$55,000 in it. It is recommended that \$30,000 be applied against the tax rate this year, and the rest next year.

Going to a 500 gallon a minute mini pumper which will be located at Fire Headquarters with a two-man crew would save \$220,000 in personnel costs over what a four-man crew would cost, plus \$50,000 in capital outlay costs, for a net saving in one year of \$270,000.

On eliminating parking meters, Tosti said the decision on meters can be reversed if it does not work out. The parking machine, which is in use in Belmont Center, paid for itself in two years and is making money for that town, he reported. (See related story.)

As for charging insurance companies for Rescue service, Tosti pointed out that Massachusetts ranks 48th of the states in user charges. One way to reduce taxes is to go more to third party payments, he said. Charging people with Ambulance insurance for the Rescue could bring in \$70,000-\$80,000 a year.

He also noted that police per capita costs in this state are 10th in the country. while fire costs are first. "We spend a great deal for public safety and it took the smallest cut of any town budget," Tosti said.

Selectman chairman Robert Havern reviewed some of the recent changes

(Safety - Page 2)



Accident

Assisting police officers in transporting the driver of a car involved in a two-car collision Saturday at 6 p.m. to Symmes Hospital are Fire Division officers and Selectman

Robert Walsh, who is partially seen. Lila P. Smith, 82, of 37 Florence ave. was taken to Symmes and treated for lacerations to the neck and a possible collar bone break.

# **★** Safety

# (Continued From Page 1)

which Selectmen made in the budget, then questions were asked.

Community Safety director Robert Blomquist explained that the \$4000 for backup ambulance is needed because the state says the police rescue cannot be used as the second vehicle. It is figured that a private ambulance at \$80 a call will be needed about 50 times a year. Cost of a new state-approved rescue would be \$35,000

0,000. Owen Carrigan proposed a substitute

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motion to take the \$50,000 for the mini pumper and put it into the overtime budget which was cut in half to \$15,000. He said the division should man the apparatus it has.

Town Manager Donald Marquis spoke against increasing the overtime budget, saying sick leave is being abused. With human nature being what it is, people will want to get as much as they can if the budget is increased and this will make it difficult to curb sick leave abuse.

On the manning question, Blomquist said that no significant research has been one on how much manpower is needed for fire suppression. Major national studies are planned this year. The property hazard level and manning level have been the same in Arlington for

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Marquis was asked why Fire Director Warren French is still a temporary director. The manager endorsed French, but said it is a civil service problem. Marlin Whitney Suggested that with strong leaders in fire and police Blomquist's position could be eliminated. Marquis said he did not think this was the answer.

The motion to increase the overtime and cut the mini pumper was defeated by voice vote. Also defeated was a motion to vote the budget by section. The total

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five years and the town will still have budget passed on voice vote.

The meeting also voted a maturing debt and interest budget of \$1,885,281 with a Finance Committee amendment that any interest earned on bonds which are borrowed will be credited to this account to keep the figure stable.

In answer to a question about construction of a new police station, Finance Committee chairman Robert O'Neill said that a bond on that project would increase the figure for maturing debt and interest

The meeting refused by voice vote to reconsider Article 81 which had previously passed. That article was part of a package to create an urban renewal district making the town eligible to receive a \$250,000 state grant. The articles also approved of a \$250,000 bond issue, since the state money will be paid over 20 years.

Article 81 approved the bond issue specifically. An issue during 'debate several weeks ago was that the state funds could be used for the eminent domain purchase of the Associates Block if the owner chooses not to fix the block up. When the articles were being debated then, Redevelopment Board chairman Joseph Tulimieri said the town would give the owner the rest of the year to develop plans for rehabilitating the

Speaking on the motion to reconsider approval of Article 81 was Daniel Xenos, a tenant in the building. He told the meeting that eminent domain proceedings would cost more than the \$250,000. He suggested that the town look at all commercial properties which receive abatements and get the owners to improve them all.

Most of his presentation was a reading of a Planning Department memo written to the Zoning Board of Appeals when the Towne House Restaurant was seeking permission to expand. The memo included discussion of parking in the Triangle and restaurant development at the power station on Water street.

# Advocate Deadline

The Advocate Office will be Closed on Memorial Day News Copy Should be mailed or dropped off on Friday or through the mail slot over the weekend.

Gasp!

Not another step! Brackett School joggers are shown here nearing the top of Robbins Playground's own Heartbreak Hill during a Thursday afternoon jog in which television sportscaster Bob Gamere participated.

# 'Son Of The Sheik' Film Is Tomorrow At Fox Library

An edited version of the 1926 picture "Son of the Sheik" will be shown at the Fox Branch Library (tomorrow at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the classic free movie series "Oldies and Goodies."

The film is a romantic adventure story about a young sheik who falls in love with a French girl. It stars Rudolph Valentino.

Also on the program is "Orphans of the storm," a shortened version of D.W. Griffith's adventure of the French Revolution starring Lillian and Dorothy Gish

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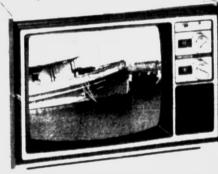
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# Veterans' Friend

# **Armour Honorary Marshal Of Parade**

By Walter V. Moynihan

A parade wouldn't seem like a parade in Arlington if Charles R. "Charlie" Armour wasn't participating in it.

Charlie will be 92 years old on Aug. 1. and will be the Honorary Marshal of Monday's Memorial Day Parade. He will be riding in this parade, but up until three years ago he march3d in all of Arlington's parades, Patriots' Day, Veterans' Day and Memorial Day.

Armour has shown his patriotic spirit

parades, and has been a friend of the veterans of many conflicts through his work as Director of Veterans' Services in

Charlie was born in Weston and went to school in that community. He moved to Hyde Park and worked for the U.S. Postal Service prior to World War I.

In 1917 he worked as a civilian for the Post Office Department at Camp Pike, Ark., and then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps early in June of 1918

After taking his basic training in the

arrived on his birthday.

After service in several battles in France with the 5th Regiment, he was wounded on Oct. 4, 1918. The upper part of his right arm was shattered in the battle and he was sent to a hospital outside Paris where he remained until April of 1919. He spent recuperation time at the Brooklyn, Portsmouth, and Charlestown Hospitals before his discharge from the Marine Barracks in Charlestown, again in August.

After attending the Pace School of Accounting for two and one-half years, Charlie started his career working with veterans. He worked for the Veterans' Service Dept. in Boston and then for the Dept. of Mental Health through 1946.

Arlington did not have a Veterans' Service Dept. at that time, and Charlie retired from his position in Boston to organize an office in Arlington where he had lived since 1933, moving from Hyde

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The department was set up in the Robbins House, and later moved to the annex of the Town Hall. It is now again located in a renovated section of the Robbins House.

He has been active with veterans groups since leaving the armed forces in 1919 when he became a charter member

and while working as director here he Veterans' Agents which he served as president.

that group in the Legion National Parade

in Boston in 1967.

Charlie was married to Lillian Burns of Whitefield, N.H., in 1926, and their son Robert has followed in the footsteps of his father by serving his country. Robert was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with the Class of 1959 and is serving as a Commander in the U.S.

It certainly is appropriate that a man such as Charlie Armour who has served his country so well, and assisted so many others who have also served, should be the Honorary Marshal of this parade.

# Stratton Fair

The Stratton School PTA will sponsor fun fair on June 2 at the school playground from 11 to 3.

A variety of game booths with prizes. a moon walk, cotton candy and lunch Counter will offer fun for all ages

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# of the Hyde Park Legion Post. He is still a member of that post and marched with Finance Comm. In Arlington he joined the Marine Corps League, the DAV and the VFW. became a member of the Association of On New Warrant

scheduled hearings on warrant articles for the June 11 Special Town Meeting on Tuesday.

At 7:30 the committee will discuss the article to appropriate salary increases for school personnel. At 8:30 it will discuss the package of articles relating to the construction of a police station and elderly housing at Mystic and Summer

Residents who wish to appear in opposition to the articles should contact executive secretary Richard Smith of 38 Washington st. so that they can be scheduled. People who wish to appear should verify times with Smith inn case of changes

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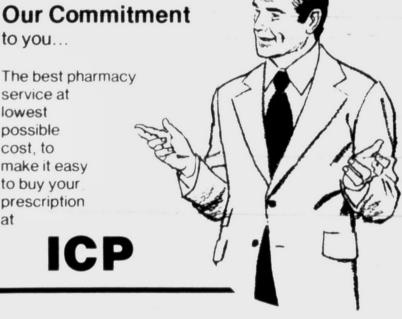
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# Comment

A Page of Personal Opinion for Public Reflection

The Arlington Advocate, Thursday, May 24, 1979

# **Collins' Corner** by Leonard Collins





The average American citizen is a well-disciplined and loyal person as seen over the years when he is asked to give up some activity or commodity when it affects the community in which he lives or even the nation. Some years ago the announcement from the Governor's office asking that we stop using water for various reasons was well accepted. Although some did cheat, most Arlington homeowners did abide by the suggestion, even though some lawns did burn up a bit.

So today the big story appearing in our papers is the gas shortage, and some reading this will remember during World War 1 how business houses and offices were closed one day a week, to conserve coal. School sessions were limited, and theaters and factories were all asked to curtail, and it was done

And then we had a period of rationing during World War 11, and that was the severest test ever put to the American people. Each city and town set up unpaid ration boards and red and green stamps were handed out to folks. Here in Arlington it was handled in the Town Hall and it was really big business. Butter, sugar, meats, canned goods, tires, gasoline, and other so-called "necessities" were put on a rationing basis, and the black market did a big business. Over a quarter of a million people were arrested in the country, and 95 percent were convicted.

People were proud and it might be added, just a bit worried about what their neighbors would think if they were seen going out on a Sunday for a nice long ride, because in most cases the gas was purchased from a gas dealer who had extra stamps, and knew someone, who also know someone.

Many items that did not come under control were just not to be had, especially various types of clothing. A large department store that carried a full line of men's clothes had one suit in stock at one period, and ladies' nylon stockings were like diamonds. Long lines of customers could be seen outside stores when the word was passed around that this precious item was for sale, with one pair to a buyer.

But through it all people were well fed, and anyone who wanted work could find it, and many workers were making more money than they ever experienced. On the ration boards the members heard some weird tales of want and privation, and at times it seemed that every person in Arlington was very vital to the culmination of the War, and needed gas desperately. But little white fibs are, one guesses, part of the game, and many of our real nice citizens will stretch their imagination in order to win a point.

Remember during Prohibition around Christmas or New Years when the very proper citizens would lower themselves socially, to visit the community bootlegger, and say "Joe sent me" and would then buy a little of the bubbling juice that on the dealer's oath "Just came off the boat.'' It could be from the boat that ran from Nahant to Revere Beach, or the one to Nantasket, or Provincetown, or that cozy one that for years ran up and down the Charles River.

Wonder how many readers remember that one. For a nickel you could ride from about where the Harvard Stadium is, down to the locks on the lower river and back. A wonderful take-in on a sunny Sunday afternoon. And if you had a nice friend along, and could play the mandoline it could be real cozy. In fact, for another dime you make two round trips, and no worries about gasoline, stamps, or rationing.

How did I ever digress to the point that I'm sailing down the Charles River on a sunny Sunday afternoon with the tinkle of a mandoline, when my real topic is about the coming gas and oil shortage. But one must admit that those memories are much sweeter than what we envision in the near future. So let's hope that old record of stamps etc. will not be broken. But records are made to be broken, so stay with us, because shortly we may have beaten the world's record for the longest Town Meeting in America. What an accomplishment.

# Clerk's Bulletin Board

May 24, 2 p.m., bids will be opened at the office of the Assistant Supt. of Schools for Special Town Meeting, 7:30 for Business, 23 Maple st., for additional equipment for PDP-8E computer

May 24, 7:30 p.m., Energy Com-

mittee. Town Hall Annex. May 25, 10 a.m., bids will be opened at Hall Annex, for adjusting catch basins

Arlington May 29, 8:30 p.m., Student Advisory Committee meets with School Committee. Central School

and water gate casting in the Town of

May 29. Finance Committee Hearings

May 30, 8 p.m., Town Meeting, Town Hall Auditorium, if meeting not completed by May 23

May 31, 10 a.m., bids will be opened at the office of the Purchasing Agent. Town Hall Annex for ductile iron water pipe. the office of the Purchasing Agent, Town flashing barricade metal and cleaning of various town-owned buildings and small

> assorted water fittings May 31, 10 a.m., public hearing Tree Warden's office. Town Hall Annex, to consider the proposed removal of a tree at 10 Hemlock st

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Deadline for Letters to the Editor is 4 p.m. Monday. Letters on any subject of interest to Arlington residents by Arlington residents are welcome. They should be typed and less than 250 words. All letters must be signed with name and address, but the name may be withheld if requested

## **Ethics**

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Representative Cusack and Senator Rotondi:

I am writing to urge your complete support for the full budget request of the state Ethics Commission. Merely creating the commission was not enought in itself; we must now provide it with sufficient funding to do its job effectively.

Without the additional monies, the commission will be unable to hire the staff necessary to investigate possible conflicts of interest and abuses of the ethics code. These are abuses which the commission was created to expose and eliminate and which cost the state far more than the Commission's budget of

I hasten to point out that Governor King cut the commission's budget by more than a third in spite of a clear campaign promise to support it totally. When asked in a Common Cause questionnaire before the election whether "as governor (he would) make a commitment to fully support the Ethics Commission's budget request," King responded, "Yes."

More than 90,000 registered voters in the commonwealth signed the petition urging the establishment of the Ethics Commission. Many of us worked long and hard collecting those signatures and fighting for the existence of the commission; we do not intend to let this work be undone by having the commission rendered ineffective

It is now up to the legislature to restore these needed funds. Once again, I. Those that fought and died. implore you to support the Ethics Commission and the people of Massachusetts

> Sincerely. 251 Wachusett ave.

# Glaucoma Test

TO THE EDITOR:

If you are an Arlington resident, over 35 years of age, and have not had an eye exam recently, you are urged to take this painless, free exam for glaucoma. This screening will be under the supervision and direction of resident doctors from the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, as well as nurses from the Arlington Public Schools, the Council on Aging. together with nurses who are members of the Zonta Club will work on the screening

The Glaucoma Screening will take place at the Central School behind the Town Hall on Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Glaucoma is called the "thief of vision" and "thief in the night." Exactly what causes glaucoma in the vast majority of cases is not yet known, but its effects are well understood, and medicine has found ways to control glaucoma, provided it is found early and treated properly

Glaucoma is a dangerous threat to any one of us, but it need not rob us of our sight. If glaucoma is found early, it can be treated and man's most precious faculty, his eyesight, can be saved.

This is the 12th tyear that the Arlington Zonta Club is providing this screening. Since the Zonta Club is a service club, it is felt that we are providing a most worthwhile service to the people of Arlington. At the glaucoma screening last year, 15 potential cases of glaucoma were discovered, and those people having had no idea that they were so afflicted, are being treated so that there will be no advancement of this dreaded disease

Sincerely yours Katherine T. McAvoy Arlington Zonta Club

# No Audience

TO THE EDITOR: Last Friday on very short notice at

7:30 when I came home from work, I attended the Spring Concert of the Arlington Philharmonic Society at the high school auditorium.

To my chagrin, the hall was almost empty. Why are the people of Arlington not interested in cultured music? Is the jungle music they are serving us now-adays taking over

I don't know where to put the blame for this situation. I feel the performance was not advertised enough. I did not see any announcement in The Advocate of April 26. It was in the May 3 issue and the performance was on May 4, hardly time to learn about it if one does not read the paper immediately. The Philharmonic Society should have at least a week of

I say that they should even charge admission so these talented musicians and singers can get paid and we, the people of Arlington, can at least give them moral support by attending these

advertising for such a beautiful concert.

The program was conducted by the able music director John Bayicchi and was Beethoven Mass in C Major Op. 86. taking place in 1807-1824, those historic years when the Greek people revolted against the mighty Ottoman Empire and the Turkish tyrant. These were years of awakening of European people and their culture

The other part of the program was Tehaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 61, taking place in 1888 with lots of feeling put to music and words People of Arlington, please attend

these concerts Yours Truly.

Philip Eliopoulos EDITOR"S NOTE: We understand that lack of attendance is a problem also for the free Robbins Library Concert Series programs. For some reason, people in Arlington do not take advantage of the many free and low-cost cultural programs which are sponsored here.

TO THE EDITOR

Last week's Advocate was a big disappointment to me. I am referring to the Letters to the Editor. Have you not yet learned that to give publicity to a certain group will lead to more demands for publicity? Those letters from the children concerning their treatment by the police certainly gave public attention to the wrong side of the argument.

Midnight Noise

There was an example of the lack of discipline outside my window last night (Tuesday). Children were yelling and screaming at midnight. This was at midnight. Why were they not home and in bed? They all looked to be in their early

Because Dr. Spock wrote that punishment might lead to traumatic experiences, many parents are afraid to enforce a few rules. Rules of the home, school and public places should be enforced. If parents refuse to take the responsibility, then the police must step in and lay down the rules. It is that simple.

Sincerety An Arlington Resident EDITOR's NOTE: Just to make clear to all readers, we do not censor letters. We print every letter which is signed and submitted by a resident or former resident. Once in a while it may be necessary to change part of a letter for legal reasons to protect us against libel, but we do not refuse to print a letter because we think someone may not like it or because we do not agree with it

# Memorial Day

Long ago men died and were put to rest at Flanders Field. And the sky produced a stillness that only it could yield. Crosses, row on row, a symbol of

heroic dead, those who so bravely bled

They are gone and shall never again look on this troubled David B. Curren Or gaze upon the flag that waves

on their land unfurled. Triumphantly, they went away not knowing their life was Forgetting not for a moment, the

anguish of that event We thought then it was the war to end all wars But twenty years later we start-

ed again, a fight for a greater cause Our boys left their homes, and

the country they love. To travel by sea and the sky up above

To the land of strangers, our enemies soil so that men may return and in freedom toil

They bled and died as did their fathers before Hoping and praying it would

happen no more So that their children and ours can live in peace

And their love for each other will ever increase

Memorial Day is to honor the many gallant dead That stopped the last of our enemies tread

They weren't forgotten in the war gone by And they are remembered now gloriously, on high

Look forever upward to that symbol of the free The flag that flies triumphantly high above the trees

118 Claremont ave.

EDITOR'S NOTE: While we usually do not accept poetry for the newspaper, we did print this poem because of its timeliness. It was written for the Arlington High School Class of 1945 Memorial Day exercises

# Tribute

TO THE EDITOR: On May 25, Ruth and Ken Poynton will be saying good-by to the Town of Arlington and beginning another phase of their life in Wolfboro, N.

Ruth has been Head Bookkeeper in the School department for the past 15 years where she keeps a complete account of the \$15,000,000 that Arlington spends for educational development. Throughout her years in spite of mounting fiscal responsibilities, she continues to be helpful, tactful and warm to everyone

Ken has been instrumental in organizingg and setting in motion the new Copy Center at Arlington High School

Ken's 35 years of experience has been of great value to the School department in its ability to communicate more eftectively, in speed, legibility and at a far lower cost than previous years

Ruth and Ken, you are both warm, sensitive and quality people. I would like to wish you both every success.

> Good Luck Vito Sammarco Principal Brackett School

# Thanks Rescue

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Arlington Police and Rescue Departments, Dr. Wasser and the staff at the Symmes Hospital Emergency Room for their professionalism, efficiency and extreme kindness during an emergency with our baby on April 17.

We wish we had the name of the police officer who responded so quickly. This town is very fortunate to have such dedicated people available in times of

Sincerely Michael and Sandra McCabe 59 Foster st.

# **Man About Town**

How easy it is to exercise the little home rule communities have left was apparent to Selectman Robert Walsh this week. He went to the Committee on Local Affairs to speak for the bill endorsed at Town Meeting to create a personnel department and found committee members inclined to let the bill die. Selectmen this week voted to ask our legislators to reaffirm their support of the bill. Sen Sam Rotondi and Rep. Mary Jane Gibson had been recorded in favor with the committee.

Walsh was mad when he told Selectmen about the hearing, calling it the "height of legislative arrogance" for the legislature to invite communities to put their own houses in order, then not let them do it. The legislature is not sensitive to local needs, he said

Selectmen planned to tell local legislators that if the wording of the bill had to be changed to satisfy the committee, this should be done. The phrase which is in question is one saying that the personnel director could be directed "to perform such duties as may be required" by the Town Manager or Town Meeting. It's clear to Selectmen that this language means that they want the personnel department to be able to handle anything new that comes along such as affirmative action and unemployment compensation of recent years. They don't know why this language is a problem for a legislative committee when the Arlington Town Meeting passed the

Town Meeting is making some headway - slowly. We have a correction to make. In the report on the redevelopment articles for Arlington Center, meeting member Phillip Hagar who endorsed the project was mistakenly identified as a member of the Conservation Commission. He is on the Historical Commission.

The articles on reducing the quorum and abandoning Roberts' Rules of Order have not come up yet, but there has been some discussion of procedure and how to speed things up. One member suggested a 5-minute limit on speakers, but Moderator Harry McCabe pointed out that the by-laws set the speaking time. On the matter of terminating debate, McCabe told members that a motion to terminate debate is not out of order. A member who persists in trying to get recognized for termination of debate will be recognized even though there is a list of speakers.

At the request of Dr. Herbert Meyer McCabe said he would let the meeting know how many names remained on the list when termination was moved. Joseph Daly suggested that if a list is kept the names of the next three or four speakers be read. These suggestions still won't do anything about the interminable questions which are asked.

Last week references were made in the Town Meeting discussion to the Red Line extension in the area of Magnolia playground, with one member saying the playground work should not be done because it would be dug up because of the subway. Charles Steward of the MBTA was asked to provide an update on plans for East Arlington.

He says that the work which is planned will be done within the MBTA right-of-way and will not affect Magnolia street or Thorndike parks. The MBTA will be constructing a tunnel which will be used to store trains and turn back trains. From here the first few trains in the morning will leave for the Alewife station and the rest of the route. As trains arrive from the other end of the line, they will go to this turnback area, and the operator will walk to the other end of the train and drive it in the other direction.

All of this tunnel construction will be done in a short distance beyond route 2 in the area of Thorndike, according to Steward. It will be 20 feet deep, so there will be no noise.

Some good news for the Heights residents, the MBTA is seeking funds to do some refurbishing at the station in the Heights. Steward says the agency hopes to resurface, improve drainage, landscape and put in a bus washing machine.

From our clippings: Chelmsford had to put off its fourth session of Town Meeting when it didn't have a quorum. One of the articles which was to have been considered was to eliminate the quorum requirement. . . . The Winchester Board of Selectmen have approved a liquor license for Randall's restaurant. Under the town's laws, renovation for the restaurant must begin within 45 days of the license being approved.... Lexington's Town Meeting voted \$179,000 to conduct its revaluation. Believe it or not, the article passed without debate even though the appropriation was \$79,000 more than was published in the warrant. . . . Also in Lexington, a referendum petition was being circulated last week on the issue of the \$675,000 swimming pool which was voted. The town already has a pool which will not be opened because it does not meet health and building codes. . . . Acton has a water ban on in an effort to save water since two town wells were closed in December because they were found to be contaminated with chemicals. . . . The Burlington School Committee is drafting a discipline policy for the high school after hearing complaints from teachers about vandalism, lack of discipline and treats of physical abuse.

Rep. John Cusack and Lt. Gov. Thomas P. O'Neill filed two bills which are waiting for committee action. H2503 creates a revolving loan fund for housing rehabilitation, aimed at meeting the need for low and moderate income housing. H2505 is a proposal to help finance construction of off-street parking facilities in Commercial Area Revitalization Districts (CARD).

Sen. Sam Rotondi has a limited number of "Pocket Credit Guide'' booklets for interested consumers. The information from the Office of the Commissioner of Banks allows consumers an opportunity to shop around for better interest rates.

Civil service reform may become a reality according to Sen. Sam Rotondi who is Senate chairman of Public Service. His committee has filed legislation which would create a Civil Service Commission. The 23-member group, which will be co-chaired by Rotondi, will spend six months looking at the state system, other state and federal personnel systems, and private industry. Based on their findings legislation will be filed for next year. Rotondi notes that civil service got started because of abuses of patronage. With the growth of public employment the system broke down. "It became even more difficult to classify job titles and prepare exams. Political influence found its own place within the system and provisional appointments were inappropriately made when existing civil service lists were never reached," he says.

Another problem is that little was done to develop merit systems to offer incentives to employees. What many people do not know is that 23,000 of the state's 35,000 civil service jobs are provisional and subject to dismissal at any time. Because a hold was put on some civil service jobs for the past four years, some employees who have worked for several years could now lose their jobs if exams were given. Several bills have been filed to protect these people. Rotondi says his committee felt it was premature to do this until the study commission could examine the problems.

# Thanks

TO THE EDITOR: We the members of the Arlington Posi VFW Post 1775 and the Ladies Auxiliary would like to express our sincere thank you to the merchants of Arlington for

their help in our Poppy Drive. We would also like to thank all the people who donated to this worthy cause. they made it a big success, and will aid in our hospital work for all veterans.

> Sincerely. **Bob Tate** Commander Theresa Napolitano **Auxiliary President**

# Art Dept. Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank Anderson's Florist and Mr. Jim Fish, director of Robbin's Library, for giving the Art Department of Arlington High School the opportunity to have a display of student art work during the Salute to Youth Week. It is encouraging to know that the community supports its youth.

Sincerely, Art Department Arlington High School



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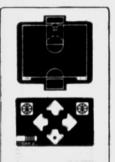
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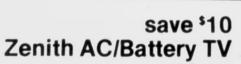
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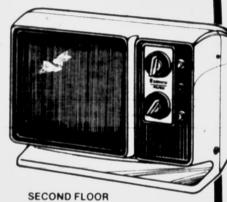
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RETIREMENT TEA- Mrs. Evelyn Eilers, second right, shown with volunteers Bea Lynch, Ralph Atwood and Martha MacGillivray, will be honored by the Cutter School at a tea on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. She has been at Cutter for 29 years. Previously Mrs. Eilers, who attended Gorham College and University of New Hampshire and has an M.Ed. from Tufts, taught for seven years in Maine. She is a former officer of the Arlington Education Assn. She has a son, Randall Parr, and three grandchildren.

# 8 Playgrounds **Have Activities**

## Three Afternoons ball.

Spring Playground are Stratton, Peirce, program is now into its Crosby, and Dallin third week. Many children Playgrounds. Everyone is have been participating in welcomed. the activities set up by the Eight local playgrounds Scout Pack 387 leaders at the playfrounds. are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3- Gives Awards

Highlights this past week have been:

a 3-legged race. A com- boys: petition was planned Monday of this week. The race was followed by a whiffleball game, and made paperbag puppets superfriends were produced.

At Bishop Wednesday the children made plaster of paris molds. Jason, Matt. Jack, Chris and Digger were among the participants. The mascot for the park was chosen and the popular pet was Fitzsimmons owned by Jack

Robbins Park has had a large turnout every day since the program began. The children enjoyed arts Lisa Deldon made a beautiful jewelry box with relay competitions. Win- Chamberlain, ners included Robby Marquis, Amy Prendergast, Lynne and Lisa O'Connell, and Eileen Richardson.

And Suslowicz and Linda Peter McElearney DeSousa, 2nd Kristen Suslowicz and Michelle

DeSousa, 3rd Beth Temmallo and Jennifer Haloon Other activities for the week included yarn dolls and a few games of kick-

Other Arlington Recreation's ticipating in the program

At a recent meeting of Cutter School Cub Scout At Cutter Playground Pack 387 awards were children learned how to run presented to the following

Bobcat badges: Thomas LaForge, Michael LaForge, Jimmy Cham-Wednesday youngsters berlain, Jimmy Sullivan, Paul McElearney, Thomas everything from animals to Amenkowicz, Freddie superfriends were Pitcher, Teddy Alderson, Frank Goguen, Ted Lonergan, James Daley

> Wolf badges: Robert Bongiorno, Thomas Rudd Gold arrow points were received by Paul Brady and Peter McElearney

Andrew Marrochello received four silver arrow points.

Winner of the Pinewood Derby was Andrew Marrochello. Michael and crafts Day Monday. LaForge came in second.

One-year pins went to: popsicle sticks. And Teddy Alderson, Frank Wednesday was race day. Goguen, Ted Lonergan, Joyce and the children had Michael LaForge, Jimmy LaForge, Jimmy Sullivan, Freddie Pitcher, Paul McElearney.

Two-year pins went to: Hardy Andrew Marrochello. Playground a scavenger Bobby Bongiorno, Tommy hunt was held Monday. Rudd, Dean Hillis, Dean Winners were: 1st Stacy Carbone, Paul Brady and



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Program hours are scheduled to change at the Boys' Club during the interim period (June 1-16 before) the beginning of the summer program.

June 1 will be the last evening and June 2 will be the last Saturday that the club will open for the summer months. In the interim period it will close at 6 p.m.

The men's evening program will finish May 31 and resume again in the fall. The women's morning and evening swim and exercise program ends June 2. The adult co-ed program will conclude for the summer on Tuesday.

During the interim period youth program hours will include Monday and Tuesday for girls form 2:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Boys may use the club on Thursdays and Fridays from 3-6 p.m. and Wednesdays 1:30 to 6 p.m.

S7mmer youth programs will start June 18 and run daily for from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Girls' days will be Mondays and Tuesdays. Boys' days will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A separate adult summer swim program and membership starts June 18.

Road Race Starts At 9 Memorial Day A 4.2 mile Road Race will be held on Memorial Day. The race is sponsored by Arlington Recreation and the Arlington

Rotary Club. The race will begin at

Arlington high at 9 a.m. The race course will follow Mass. avenue to Pleasant street to the Route 2 access road to Park avenue, to Oakland avenue, to Gray street, to Highland

avenue, to Mass. avenue. The finish line will be at Arlington High School.

The entry field is anticpated to be in the vicinity of 200 runners. Arlington awards ceremony will follow the race at application. Applications should be held, rain or shine.

Registration for participants will

continue until 8:30 a.m. on Memorial Day. Application forms may be obtained at the Recreation Office, the Robbins Library and the Fox Library. A post residents are invited to view the race. An entry fee of \$3 is required with each Arlington High School. The race will be returned to the Recreation Office or to Arlington High on the day of the race.

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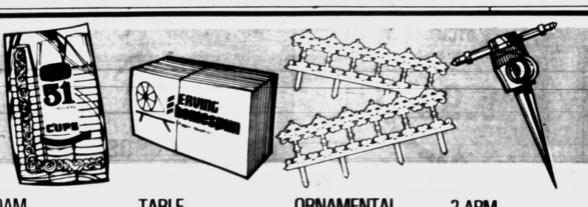


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**Boucher Assigned** 

in Korea. The 1977 Arlington High graduate entered the Army last October.

**Brooks Completes** Deborah S. Brooks recently completed with highest honors a patient administration course at the Academy of Health Sciences of the . US Army

at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G Brooks of 12 Grafton st.

Conlon Commended Staff Sgt. Thomas R Conlon, son of Joseph C Conlon of 71 Bay State rd. received a letter of appreciation praising him for his enthusiasm and professionalism in the recent completion of the Marine Corps' Mechanized Task Force Test.

He serves with the 9th Communication Battalion at Twentynine Palms, Calif., and has been in the Marines since 1961

Lipsey Admitted Staff Sgt. James R Lipsey, stationed at the Hanscom Field Base Clinic, was recently admitted to the National Registry of EMT's

He also passed the examination for the Advanced Cardiac Life Support System which allows him to attend cardiac victims through telephone instructions from the base physician. Sgt. Lipsey is Charge of Quarters of the clinic.

He lives with his family at the base. He is the son of Nancy R. Lipsey of Arlington.

**Bailey Reports** 

Marine Lance Cpl. Mark E. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Bailey of 18 Brookdale rd., reported for duty with the 2nd Force Service Support Group at Camp Lejeune

**Gunter Accepted** Timothy Gunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gunter of 162 Mountain ave., was accepted for service in the U.S. Army. He will attend basic combat training and advanced individual training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Gunter will be trained as a tank crewman. He arranged his acceptance through local recruiter Jack Waters.

Tommy Assigned Spec. 4 Timothy M Tommy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Tommy Jr of 108 Ronald rd., was recently assigned as a recovery specialist with the 67th Air Defense Ar tillery in Giebelstadt Germany. He is a 1976 graduate of Arlington High School

**Guarente To Train** David Guarente, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guarente of 119 Sunnyside ave., was recently ac cepted into the US Army He will attend basic training at Ft. McClellan.

Guarente will be trained as an ammunition specialist with ultimate assignment to Ft. Carson. Colo

Area Artists To Exhibit 26th

Amateur and professional painters from surrounding towns have been invited to participate in Belmont's first annual Artists' Showcase exhibition and sale on May 26 (rain date May 27) in Belmont Center at Com-

mon street. The artist, Jules, has donated a watercolor for awarding at 4:30 p.m. There will be a "People's Favorite" painting chosen by ballot. Showcase hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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# In Budget

# Board Endorses Machine Series, will be shown at The Museum of Our National For Municipal Parking

Selectmen have decided to purchase a parking control computer machine which will collect revenues from people using the Russell Common Municipal Parking Lot on Mystic street.

Ten housand dollars for purchase of the mathine was included in the Community Safety Dept. budget which was passed by Town Meeting.

Durng discussion at Town Meeting Frank Sonnenberg asked if St. Agnes' Church had been consulted since the church members use the parking lot for the church and high school. He was assured by Selectmen chairman Robert Havern that the parking lot would continue to operate as it does now. The machine has no gate, so anyone can enter the low. At posted times, as now, no

# Club Members Compete In College Bowl

The Arlington Boys' Club sent two teams to a College Bowl Tournament at the Woburn Boys' Club. Eleven Boys' Clubsfrom the Boston area sent teams to play a quiz game based on the TV show.

The Arlington junior boys won their first same against Stoneham Boys' Club by a big score, but were eliminated by losing the next game to the Woburn Boys'

intermediate team from Arlington got as far as the finals by beating Stoneham and Revere, but were finally defeated in a tense round to the

Parkway Boys' Club of West Roxbury. The Arlington team members were: Mike Colman, Paul Woods, Scott Walkinshaw, Paul Sicard, Bobby Patterson, Dave Fratto, Mark Pappas and John Carroll. Cheering the boys on were Paul Sicard, Kathy Hoar and John Anto**t**elli

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Further discussion of a parking control machine was held by Selectmen last week. They met with Al Bugeau, representative of the Clareby Corp. of Dedham which is the only manufacturer of the parking lot control computer

He told the board that there are 5,000 of the machines around the world, 1,000 in Paris alone. The machine replaces meters and attendants in off-street parking situations.

Life expectancy of the machine is 15 to 20 years. In Augusta, Maine, which has had a machine for three years, there has been no failure. The machine is made of brass, aluminum and steel, has a heater for the winter, and is wired to a police station so that it sounds an alarm if an attempt is made to vandalize it.

The machine, which can be seen in the Belmont Center parking lot, issues a ticket when change is deposited. The ticket, which would be displayed on the windshield, is time stamped so that the parking enforcement police officer would know when the time has expired. This feature will save time and make enforcement easier, according to Police Services Director John Carroll. In Belmont the tickets are good for meters anywhere in town. In addition, the tickets can be used by merchants as proof of parking, with the merchants repaying the customer for the cost of parking.

In Wellesley the average time for each car is 36 seconds. Of this, the machine takes 3 seconds and the driver takes the rest

The computer in Belmont is the busiest in the world, according to Bugeau. More than 600 cars use the machine each day. At Christmas close to 1,000 cars a day parked in the lot in seven hours. The machine has a one-year warranty and service is guaranteed China Film

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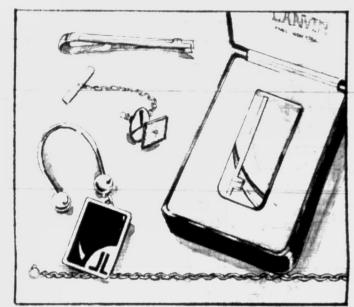
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# Mass. Avenue

# 4 New Crosswalks Are Dropped

Construction of four brick crosswalks on Mass avenue as part of the commercial area revitalization project with federal funds has been cancelled

Selectmen voted not to build the walks in front of Coolidge Bank, at Water street, in front of the Town Hall and at Brattle street after hearing about opposition from businessmen in Arlington

Planning Director Alan McClennen told the board that as he talked to business people he found some opposed to the construction at any time and some opposed to construction now

He reviewed the history of the project which included new sidewalks and parking and a median strip, and the awareness which the business people had of the project through the Chamber of Commerce. Selectmen agreed that they and others knew about the proposal for the walks, but none realized that construction would close half of Mass.

avenue for at least eight weeks.

McClennen said that last fall because of the congestion when the walks were constructed, some businessmen suffered losses. Since then some have done well and grown. He acknowledged problems in lost parking because of construction

ween the two sides of the avenue, and others raised questions about maintenance and durability of the walk, said

He wanted to make sure Selectmen and business people understand that some the avenue will have to be dug up for a short period near Railroad avenue and Water street. A manhole and pipe have to be put in for the watering the median and other work has to be done for electricity. These projects will not take

for concrete which crosswalks would

Selectman Ann Powers said she would support the crosswalks if they were a project. She did not think they would add to the safety.

Carma Forgie of The Idea shop told Selectmen that the crosswalks would be her fourth disruption, going back to the walks in front of the Whittemore block, then the block from Water street to Mystic street, and now in front of the library and Town Hall.

She said her Mothers' Day sales were way down and she notices less traffic in the Center as people avoid coming there because of the construction. She said she agreed philosophically with crosswalks. but she didn't think the walks would do much to help pedestrians

Mrs. Forgie said she knew that crosswalks were planned, but she did not know they would take so long to build. She was critical of the town for not building one lane of the crosswalk on each side of the avenue while it was blocked for sidewalk construction. If construction is going to ruin graduation and Fathers' Day, "why don't you just kiss business good-bye," she said.

The board voted 3-2 with Walsh and Murray opposed to not build the four brick crosswalks. Because of questions on what it would cost to negotiate out of the contract with the contractor, it was left that if the board feels it has to reconsider the matter it will.

# 2 Fire Boxes Are Destroyed

Two fire alarm boxes have been taken out of service by the Community Safety Dept. after they were destroyed by area

firecrackers. The \$400 boxes were blown apart with firecrackers known as "quarter stics" for their potency which is equal to a quarter-stick of dynamite.

The "quarter-stic" is a two and a half inch long cardboard tube which is plugged at each end with yellow-green plastic cement. A green fuse sticks out of

Boston Fire Commissioner George H Paul, who has been investigating incidents in the area, says the sticks have the potential for causing serious injury or death. People with information on the source of the sticks are asked to call Boston Arson Alert at 427-4000 or the Arlington Fire Division. The federal Dept. of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is also investigating.

The two Arlington fire alarm boxes which were blown apart were located in the Menotomy Manor housing area, one

at Fremont street and Fremont court and the other at Fremont and Sunnyside Selectmen voted to not replace the fire boxes after hearing from Com-

munity Safety director Robert Blomquistthat these boxes have been problems with false alarms and that there is adequate fire alarm coverage n the

# 53 Fire Runs

For the week ending May 19 the Fire Division totalled 53 runs. This includes 27 calls for medical assistance, 13 box alarms (of which eight were false), six grass and brush fires, and eight miscellaneous calls. Mutual aid was sent to Belmont and Lexington.

# **Crosby School** Plans Market

Preparations are being made for the Crosby School Fair and Flea Market which will be held June 2 on the Crosby School grounds from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (rain date June 9)

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barrels blocking parking spaces. Some businessmen felt the town could spend the funds elsewhere, others did not see the brick crosswalks as a link bet-

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McClennen also told Selectmen that granite and bricks for the crosswalks have been bought. When asked why brick crosswalks were planned, McClennen said it was an effort in the business district where 24,000 cars pass daily to let drivers know that it is an area for people and to tie together the amenities on both sides of the avenue

The medians were put in for the same reason, he explained. By narrowing the width of the avenue to slow traffic and by creating a physical barrier drivers are told that something else is going on. He agreed with Selectman Robert Walsh that the crosswalks were part of a plan to make the Center people-oriented.

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On Monday night Town Meeting finished up with the zoning articles. Under Article 93 Seward presented another substitute motion relating to bonus provisions which would allow larger building volume by vote of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Tulimieri spoke for his board's recommendation of no action, saying the proponents should say they don't want low and moderate income units.

Alan McClennen, director of Planning and Community Development, said the bonus dealt with multi-use facilities. He called it a negotiating tool which gives the town the upper hand.

Redevelopment Board member Ed Tsoi added that the bonus allowing a developer to build over a specified floor area ratio could decide if a site could be built on. If the bonus is made too selective the town will not be able to control it as a privilege, he said.

The substitute motion was defeated 40-84, with no action being voted by voice

Article 94 to rezone the building at 1234 Mass. ave. to the B3 district was recommended and voted as no action. Notice of reconsideration was given by Richard Morrell. Tulimieri said the no action recommendation was made because the owner was negotiating with a bakery to use the site, and this is a permitted use under the present B2

Under Article 96 the meeting voted to seek legislation to allow the town to convey to the Boys' Club a 228-foot strip of land which the club has used for 18 years for its basketball court, sidewalk

and parking Boys' Club executive director George Faulkner told the meeting that the club has no intention of converting the area to a parking lot. The article was supported by the Selectmen and Redevelopment

Speaking against the article was Dr. Herbert Meyer who said that the club did not maintain the shore of the pond and did no landscaping around its building

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which is "as ugly as it ever was." He said this was a good opportunity for the town to tell the club to show that it cared about the location

The article was passed by 109-8 vote after a quorum count showed 136 meeting members in the hall. Passed next was Article 89, the companion to 96, which rezones the strip from R1 to R2 so that it is consistent with the zoning of the rest of the Boys' Club site

Zoning amendments to limit the height of apartment buildings were passed at the 17th session of Town Meeting

The lengthiest discussion of the evening involved Moderator Harry McCabe who wanted to see copies of substitute motions to rule on their legality while meeting members were trying to get a determination of their acceptability before getting into a

Despite requests from meeting members that the legality of Articles 91 and 92 be determined before the meeting voted on Article 83, all three were discussed and the articles proposed by residents passed easily over the article of the Redevelopment Board.

The board's article, 83, sought to amend heights in the R6 and B4 zones to a maximum of 55 feet in keeping with last year's Town Meeting vote to lower R7 heights to 60 feet. Redevelopment Board chairman Joseph Tulimieri said this article did not try to regulate density, while Article 92 did

Under present zoning by-laws, the R6 townhouse district allows 75 feet maximum with no specific number of stories, as does the B4 district. The number of stories was not set for R6, R7 or B4 and there were no story limits on the B5 and PUD zones

John L. Worden spoke for Articles 91 and 92, saying they were based on the premise that people do not want more highrise apartments. A vote for Article 92 would protect neighborhoods, Worden said, making reference to the Oxford

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Article 92 reduced to 40 feet the maximum in the R6 and R7 districts. It put a 4 story limit in the R6 and B4 apartment house district, and a 5 story limit in the R7 district. In addition it limited to 5 stories the numbers of residential floors which could be built in a B5 or PUD district

The tax base can be improved by encouraging business and preserving the environment, he said. The town should not encourage more high rise residential

Article 83 was voted down by voice vote. Article 92, which Mary Winstanley presented, was passed 115-12. Article 91 to limit apartment buildings in the R6 apartment district to 4 stories, from the present 8, was passed 101-23.

Also passed were: Article 84, to allow offices in the R6 district; Article 85, to allow a combination informational sign for service clubs; Article 86 to clarify the responsibilities of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Redevelopment Board relating to granting special permits.

Also, Article 87 allowing notification of abutters to property being rezoned by registered or certified mail; Article 88 to put 15 Winslow st. and 12 Prescott st. in the B3 district

The Redevelopment Board recommendation of no action was approved on Article 90 which sought to change the zoning of 99A Mass. ave. from R3 to B2. The meeting adjourned while Article 93 was on the floor. The original article would have removed provisions for larger building volume for residential units. Harold Seward proposed an amendment to except elderly housing. but it was ruled that his motion was beyond the scope of the original article. The Redevelopment Board was recommending no action on the article.

# **Cemetery Hours** Set For Holiday

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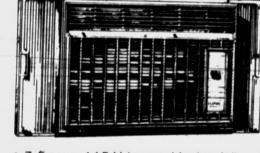
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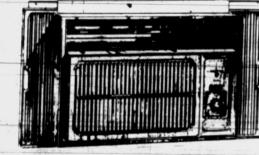
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# Sec. Byron Matthews To Speak Wednesday

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce will host Byron J. Matthews, Secretary of the Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD) and former mayor of Newburyport, as the guest speaker at its monthly noon luncheon, Wednesday at the Towne House Restaurant.

In his capacity as Secretary, Matthews directs the activities of EOCD as well as the operation of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) which includes nine separate state agencies.

Secretary Matthews' prime concern is the enhancement of EOCD's capability in helping muncipalities prepare strategies for community improvement in areas such as public housing, economic development, neighborhood revitalization and services to the poor.

Prior to his appointment, Secretary Matthews with the executive director of the North Shore Economic Council, an organization that focused on economic development issues in 19 North Shore communities.

While serving in this capacity in September, 1978, Matthews accompanied an Arlington delegation of Chamber officers, town officials and business people on a tour of economic redevelopment efforts being conducted in Newburyport.

Secretary Matthews served as mayor of Newburyport for five terms from 1968-1977. While mayor, he directed the city's successful community and development efforts including industrial part development and neighborhood

Secretary Matthews also served as president of the Massachusetts Mayor's



**Byron Matthews** 

Association in 1972 and as a member of

its Board of directors for eight years. During his term as mayor of Newburyport, he served on the following State Commissions: Governor's Task Force on Coastal Resources: the State Industrial Finance Board; the Local Government Advisory Committee; the Governor's Economic Development Program Committee; and as chairman

of the Joint Task on State Planning. Secretary Matthews was also a member of the National League of Cities-Small Cities Advisory Council; First vice president and member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns; member, Executive Board of the Essex County Advisory Board; steering committee member, Coalition of Northeast Municipalities.

Business people or residents wishing to attend the luncheon should call the Arlington Chamber of Commerce by May

# **Pool Chemicals Dangerous** If **Handled Wrong**

Nobody would believe that swimming pools could present a fire hazard, but at this time of year when pools are being prepared for summer, special attention is required for water sterilization chemicals, warns the Arlington fire prevention office.

The use of Calcium Hypochlorite, known at HTH for purification is increasing. The Fire Division warns of the potential fire and explosion hazard existing where calcium hypochlorite is carelessly handled or stored for use in small and large backyard swimming and wading pools.

The general precautions recom mended in its handling, use of and storage by the public are as follows;

1. Read the container label of the product being used and carefully follow directions

2. Store original container in cool, dry areas, away from steam pipes or other sources of heat. Separate container from all organic or oxidizable materials and any other possible contaminants. Keep covered with original closure and out of reach of children. Avoid out-of-season carry-over storage of unused stock supplies.

3. Use only clean, dry and noncombustible scoops, such as porcelain or enamel cups, glass containers, or metal spoons, for transferring the chemical from the drum to the mixing container or

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6. Keep hands clean and wash hands after handling. Gloves should not be worn because they may become impregnated with the chemical, resulting in spontaneous combustion.

7. Avoid contact of salt or solution with the eyes or skin. When contact occurs wash involved area immediately with free flowing water for rapid and thorough dilution. When eye irritation or skin burns occur obtain medical assistance at once.

8. Avoid inhalation of excaping chlorine gas. Move anyone overcome by chlorine gas to an open area and obtain medical assistance.

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# **Cancer Fund Gets Over \$4700 From** Residence Drive

The Arlington Cancer Society door to door house drive has received the sum of \$4,788.57 turned into the Leader Federal Savings Bank branch of Arlington according to treasurer Eugene W. Downing Jr. and assistant treasurer William Davis, branch manager of the bank

These funds have been forwarded to the Massachusetts American Cancer Society fund for credit as part of the overall cancer drive goal of Arlington. The total goal for Arlington is \$17,500. The house to house goal was \$4,000 which was surpassed thanks to the work of all

Any door to door workers who have yet to turn in their collection kits, may now do so by delivering those kits to the Leader Federal Savings Bank branch at 980 Massachusetts ave.

# Plan Addition

# Boys' Club To Remodel, **Add Space For Females**

A \$110,000 remodeling program to provide locker room space for women and girls will begin at the Arlington Boys' Club in July

The work will "bring goals and objectives that we established three years ago," says executive director George Faulkner. When the work is finished by mid-November the club will be able to accommodate males and females better simultaneously

This remodeling is the first of two phases with which the club hopes to expand its facilities and offerings to the community. Funds for this first part come from a \$40,000 grant from the Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund of Boston, personal donations by board members to the development fund, other foundations and the last three

Faulkner points out that with the help of club members serving on task forces. some \$15,000 in fees is being saved. The club will remain open during the construction which will see the street level coat room and reception desk area remodeled into locker room space. The present locker areas will be renovated and the lock rooms will accommodate handicapped persons

The second phase of the club's expansion would be a \$600,000 addition of 6000 square feet to replace the space lost with the locker room renovation, and add a gym, racquet ball court and recreation and games rooms.

In order to replace the space lost to remodeling and add services, the directors and corporators decided on the two-phase program. The fundraising consultant firm of Robert J. Corcoran Company of Boston has been engaged to interview area foundations and community leaders. Based on this feasibility study the firm will do, the club will enter into a capital fundraising campaign in

Irving Stein, first vice president of the club and chairman of the planning and development committee, says that the study will determine if the support and fundraising are there. "If they find we can only raise \$10,000 from all sources. then we will not have an addition," he

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Stein adds that the construction plans are not in reaction to suit brought against the club through the Mass. Commission on Discrimination. The Arlington Boys' Club was the first in the country, in 1962 when it opened, to offer programs for females, and the two-phase project is the consummation of six years of planning.

Five task force groups on planning and development, future program services, architectural design, budget and community liaison have been working on plans for the project for the past seven

'We believe there is a market in terms of adults becoming more conscious of need for physical fitness," says Faulkner. He sees the future as allowing the club to meet more adult recreational needs as well as helping the club

financially As a private non-profit organization the club has to be concerned about financial solvency, he explains. Its policy on youth dues has been that the dues should not be a deterrent to membership. In cases of need, fees are waived.

After study in 1976 the club directors determined that "a great populace was leaving the community to fulfill personal needs and interests." Faulkner says the club saw a need of its own to maximize use of the facility, but recognized its limitations. The study also showed that the best-served residents in terms of leisure time activities were those who were pre-adolescent. Adults and older adolescents were minimally served.

In addition to limitations because of the physical facility, the club had to be conscious of money, or "we would have jumped right in," says Faulkner.

Representatives of the club met with town department heads and tried to find programs where the club could meet residents' needs without dislocating other facilities. When it appeared that the high school would be built with a swimming pool, the club started to plan how it could fit in then.

'We want to be flexible to better serve the community within the limit of our resources." says Faulkner. The club now has 3200 members, about 350 of whom are adults, and 300 of these are women.

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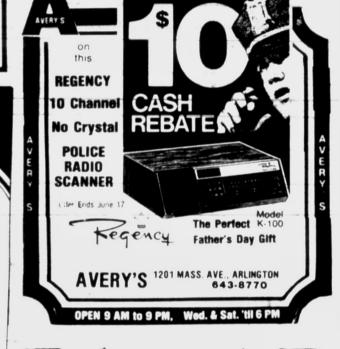
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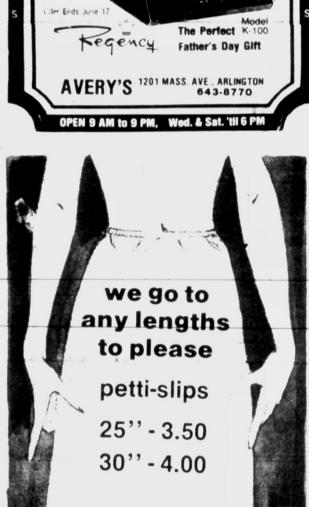
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